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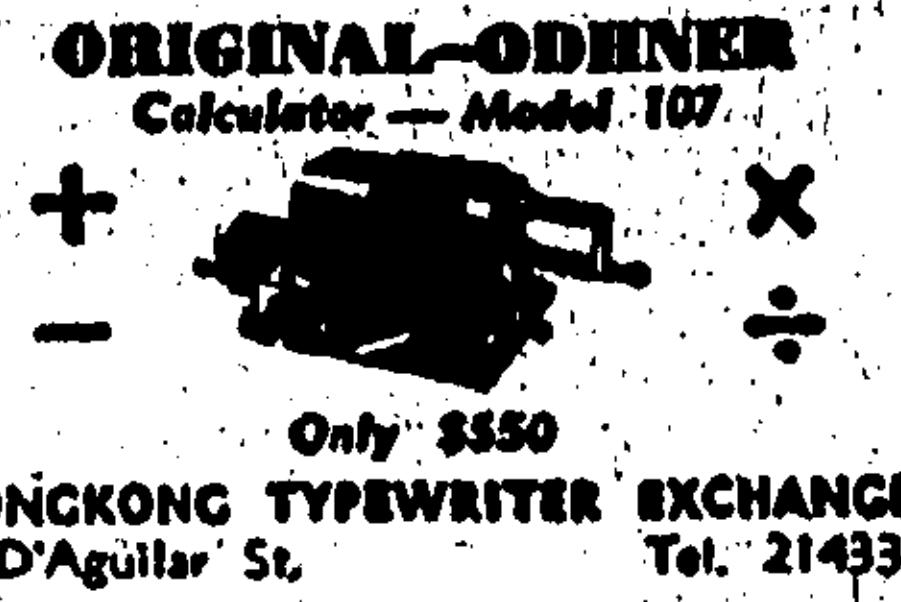
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Four-Power Conference

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WEEKLY ROTATION OF MEETINGS

Berlin, Jan. 17.

The Berlin four-power Foreign Ministers' conference will take place in weekly rotation at the Allied Control authority building in West Berlin and at the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin, according to a four-power communique issued tonight.

The Ministers would meet in the West Berlin building during the first week, in the Soviet Embassy in the second week, in West Berlin again for the third week, and "thereafter the place of the meetings will depend upon the course of the conference," the communique said.

It added that experts were nominated for the preparation of "a number of technical arrangements."

The four-power communique throughout referred to the Soviet Embassy as "the residence of the USSR High Commissioner in Germany," indicating the dual role of Soviet High Commissioner Vladimir Semeonov who is also Soviet Ambassador to East Germany. The Allied Control Authority building was referred to throughout as "the building formerly used as the headquarters of the Allied Control Council."

This was understood to indicate that the Western powers were at pains to emphasize that their agreement with the Soviet Embassy as a meeting place did not mean any implied recognition of the East German Government, and that the Soviet Union wanted it made clear that it no longer regarded the ACA building as a "four-power building."

The full text of the communique read:

"At their fifth meeting held at the British headquarters at Berlin on January 16, the representatives of the High Commissioners in Germany, of France, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics further considered the question of selecting a meeting place for the conference of their four Foreign Ministers, which is to

FANFANI FORMS GOVT

Rome, Jan. 17.

Signor Amintore Fanfani, 45-year-old leader of a left-wing group in the Christian Democrat (Roman Catholic) Party, officially notified President Luigi Einaudi tonight that he is ready to form a new Government for Italy, leaderless for two weeks.

It was understood that Professor Fanfani officially handed the following list of Ministers to the President:

Prime Minister — Amintore Fanfani.

Foreign Minister — Attilio Piccioni.

Minister without portfolio in charge of the development of the south — Pietro Campi.

Minister without portfolio in charge of reforming the bureaucracy — Senator Uberto Tupini.

Interior — Giulio Andreotti.

Budget — Ezio Boni.

Treasury — Senator Silvio Gava.

Finance — Senator Adone Zoli.

Defence — Emilio Taviani.

Education — Senator Giorgio Bo.

Public Works — Senator Umberto Merlin.

Agriculture — Senator Giuseppe Mincioli.

Transport — Bernardo Mattarella.

Post and Telegraphs — General Cesare Casanisi.

Industry — Senator Salvatore Adolfo.

Labour — Luigi Gui.

Merchant Marine — Fernando Tamburini.

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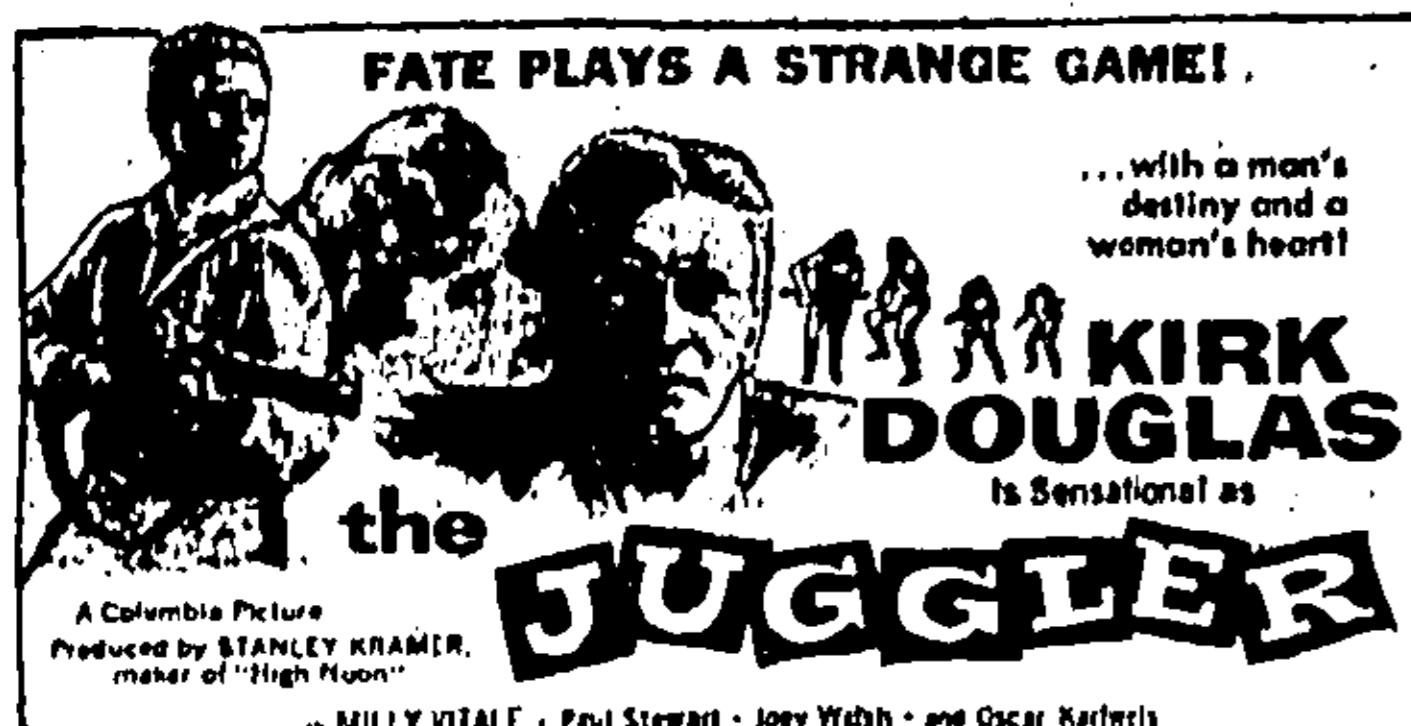
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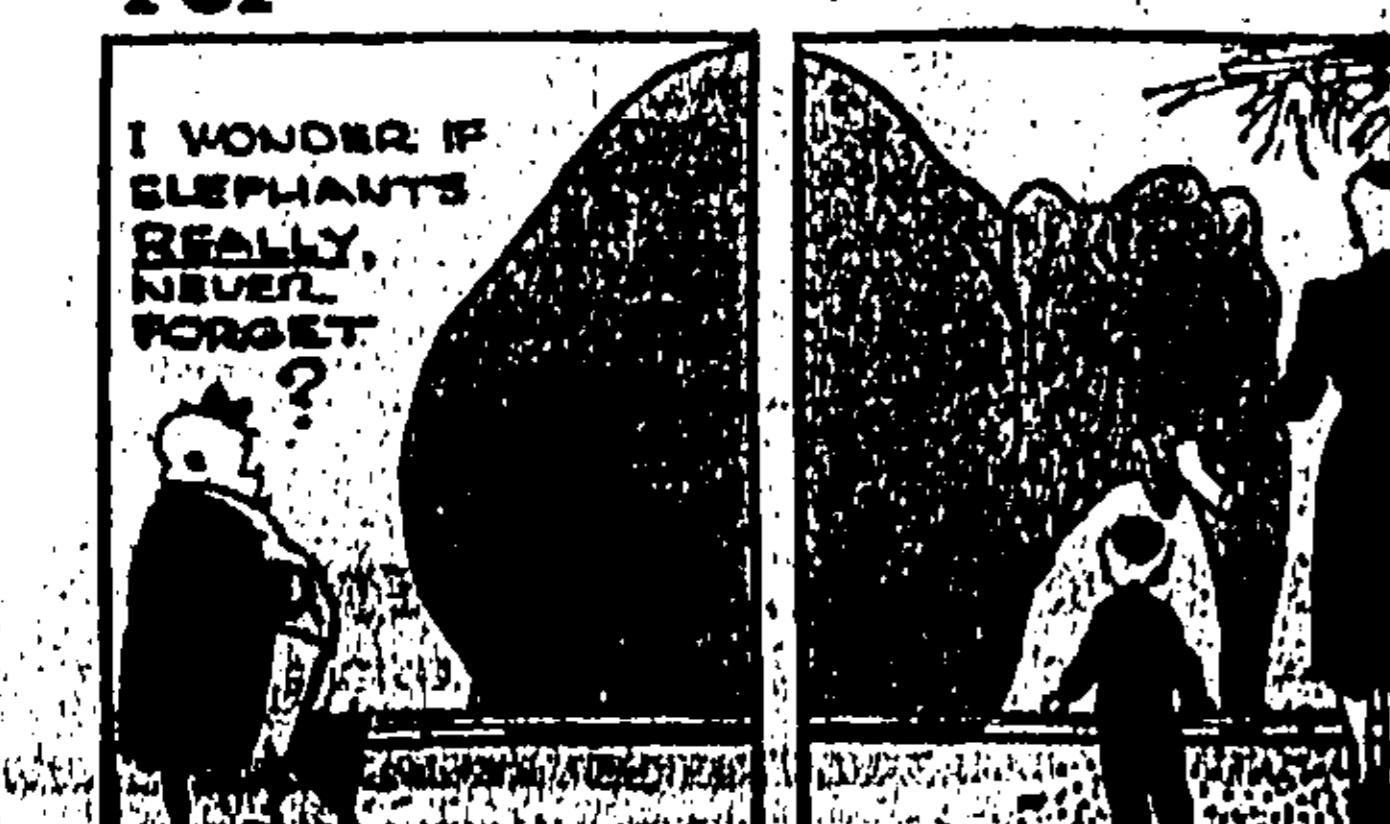
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Sudden Attack By French In Central Laos
PLANES BLAST VIETMINH TROOPS AND BASES

French Union raiders lashed out suddenly in Central Laos today and attacked the Communist invaders' supply bases in the Indo-Chinese Kingdom.

Fast-hitting raiders sought to disorganise enemy preparations for a fresh attack against French defence positions around the Seno base and airfield blocking the route to Southern Laos.

A French High Command spokesman said the French columns drove deep into the rebel-controlled middle section of Laos under cover of aircraft. Some drove into the valley while others punched at rebel positions at So Bang Fai, on the Savannakhet-Thakhek road, 25 miles north of Seno.

The spokesman said the raiders' next task would be to contain the expected Communist drive southward along the Mekong River's stream, so that the Central Laos French commander, General Andre French, may have ample time to deliver a "death blow" to the Red invaders.

Communist guerrillas struck back elsewhere, however, blasting out a major bridge on the Salong-Vientiane highway and amassing a French mobile column in Northern Laos.

The French probes hit the Southern rim of rugged limestone hills behind which the forces of the Vietminh Commander-in-Chief, General Vo Nguyen Giap, are regrouping. The rebels lost an estimated 1,700 casualties in their Christmas attack against Seno.

Mr Abbott, who arrived here for a two-day informal visit as the guest of the Governor-General, Mr Ghulam Mohamed, said: "The position has improved a great deal."

He said sterling was stronger and it was becoming possible to do away with many restrictions. Everyone was much more optimistic than at earlier conferences, he added.

Canada was a country which lived by foreign trade and was always interested in developing new markets and he looked forward to further developing trade relations with Pakistan.

Asked about Canada's attitude to Imperial Preferences, he said: "I stood by existing preferences, though they are of no value to us."

But Canada did not believe in further extending the system. He said he believed in freezing it as much as possible.—Reuters.

(See Review of Talks on P.9)

Soviet Cultural Delegation To Tour India

Bombay, Jan. 17. A cultural 28-member delegation from the Soviet Union arrived here today for a six weeks tour at the invitation of the Indian government.

The group consists of musicians, instrumentalists, painters and folk dancers who will give 20 exhibitions in Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta, Madras and Bangalore.

The leader of the group is Soviet Deputy Minister for Culture N. Bespalov, who explained on arrival that the tour was both to acquaint Indians with Soviet culture and to enable the Soviet group to get to know the "wonderful art of the Indian people."—United Press.

French warplanes took off from Central Vietnamese and Laotian bases, blasting logistical targets and Vietminh troops in Central Laos.

Strong regional guerrilla groups ambushed a French mobile column in Northern Laos a few miles north of Khanhau, a fortified town guarding the entry into Laos from Annan through the strategic Kao Neua pass.

The rebels fled into the jungle after French reinforcements joined the fight. Both sides had suffered losses, a French spokesman said.

Communist guerrillas struck in Southern Laos, blowing up a strategic bridge spanning the Mekong River, north of Pakse, 103 miles south of Seno.

French Army engineers rushed to repair the bridge, over which passes the Salong to Vientiane highway.

The particular disaster would cost the British insurance market £500,000 for the aircraft alone.

It was insured for that amount by Lloyds and the British insurance companies.

In addition, insurance on the passengers, crew and cargo will cost the market more than £100,000.

The lost Comet was insured for more than twice as much as the average BOAC airliner.

PAI CRASH

Rome, Jan. 17. Three experts of the Philippines Civil Aviation Administration, Perfecto Buendio, B. Oppus and Pacifico Aguchill and Philippine Air Lines official Santiago Solon flew in here today from Manila to take part in the enquiry now being held into the crash last week here of a Philippine Air Lines aircraft.

A test flight over the same course as that taken by the crashed plane was made today by Philippine Air Lines using a four-engined aircraft of their regular service. The crew refused all comment on the flight.—France-Press.

Britain's Jet-Fish

Fossilised remains of jet-propelled fish, which lived at least 120 million years ago, have been discovered in the grounds of the Royal Military College of Science, Shrivenham, Berkshire.

The fossils have been examined by the Natural History department of the British Museum.

Mr Leonard Hulls, secretary of the college's Archaeological and Natural History societies, found a cluster of about 100 in the dredging of a stream.

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MIDDLE-EAST ALLIANCE MAY BE POSTPONED

Strong Protests To U.S. Government

Following strong protests from a number of Middle-East nations against the proposed defensive alliance of Pakistan, Iraq and possibly Saudi Arabia, the United States may have to postpone its plans for the three-nation alliance on Russia's southern flank.

United Press reported that well-informed quarters in Washington believed that should the pact be stalled, the U.S. Government will go ahead with bilateral arrangements for limited arms aid to the three countries as soon as possible.

In Damascus, the President of Syria, Brigadier-General Adib Shishakli told three visiting British Members of Parliament that an Arab collective security pact was sufficient to check any aggression.

Washington, Jan. 17. All the protests which were anticipated from neighbouring nations have reached Washington. The formal record was completed on Friday when Afghanistan's Ambassador, Mohammed Lubin, called at the State Department to oppose arms aid to Pakistan and Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban protested against any such aid to Iraq or Saudi Arabia.

American officials have started a review of the project in the light of the objections raised by the Israelis, Afghanistan, and the Indians, and the other factors which have developed in the past few weeks.

In this review, American officials were not expected to retreat from their firm belief that a start must be made at once to fill the defensive gap south of Russia.

In some circles it has been asked why this gap should be filled if America is going to rely on the threat of massive retaliation as the best deterrent against Communist aggression. But this question, officials say, does not really arise.

The military decision to make more sparing use of American manpower does not obviate the necessity of helping the efforts of other friendly nations to put themselves in better shape to safeguard their security. It is explained.

That principle being solidly upheld, American officials must next decide whether it would be better to aid such nations individually or within the framework of alliances. From the U.S. standpoint, an alliance between Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia, with the participation of Iran when its internal crisis is overcome, has seemed preferable because such a pact eventually could spread into a general Middle East defensive organisation. The idea of MEDO has been shelved but not forgotten.

Usually well-informed quarters report that the chances of

the pact coming into existence soon have dimmed—to what extent, it is hard to say—in recent weeks, principally because of reported Turkish reluctance to join.

CONFIDENCE SHAKEN

Damascus, Jan. 17. The President of Syria, Brigadier-General Adib Shishakli, told three British members of Parliament who visited Damascus last week that the experiences of the last war had shaken the confidence of the Arab peoples in the Allies, it was disclosed today.

The members, who are touring the Arab capitals, are Mr Patrick Gordon Walker, Labour, Commander Douglas Marshall, Conservative, and Mr Joseph Grimond, Liberal.

The President said if the Allies were interested in regaining the confidence of the Arab people, they would have to adopt positive measures for establishing their good will.

The first positive step should be the settlement of the Palestine problem. He appealed to Britain and the great powers to "force Israel to implement the United Nations resolution on Palestine."

JUST DEMANDS

Egyptian opposition to participation by Iraq and Saudi Arabia in a project outside the Arab League at this time was described in one newspaper report as a possibility, weighing with American officials.

Commenting on this report, experts said it is a moot point whether the kind of agreements envisaged would require presentation of the matter by Iraq and Saudi Arabia before the Arab League Council, particularly as the "outside" nations would be Moslem Turkey and Pakistan.

As for bilateral arrangements, there would not require an Arab League vote because the recipient nation would be committed to use the arms solely for defence against the Red danger, these experts said.

Further Talks On U.S.

Atomic Plan

Washington, Jan. 17. The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, and the Russian Ambassador, Mr Georgi Zarubin, will have another try at reaching a preliminary agreement on President Eisenhower's "atoms-for-peace" plan early this week.

The meeting, for which no definite time has yet been set, is one of a number of vital problems that will keep Mr Dulles busy, before he takes off on Thursday for the Big-Four Foreign Ministers' conference in Berlin.

The importance of the administration attaches to the atomic problem was stressed on Saturday when Mr Eisenhower met Mr Dulles, the Defense Secretary. Mr Charles Wilson, Mr. Lewis Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, and other top officials to prepare U.S. strategy in proposed negotiations.

Mr Dulles and Mr Zarubin hope to agree on a time, place and agenda for any full-scale discussions that might lead to the creation of an atomic pool for peacetime uses. Mr Dulles also is expected to discuss the matter with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr. V. M. Molotov, in Berlin next week.

Mr Dulles and his top aides will arrive in Berlin early to confer on German and Austrian strategy questions with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Georges Bidault.

They also will be conferring with Mr. Charles E. Bohlen, U.S. Ambassador to Moscow, who had discussed the President's atomic pooling proposal with Mr. Molotov in the Kremlin.

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Sleep, 8. Isola, 9. Afire, 10. Vapid, 11. Texas, 12. Tart, 13. Lodge, 14. Refine, 15. Adored, 20. Dales, 22. Sina, 23. Tumid, 25. Valet, 26. Earned, 27. Sunt, 28. Unite, 29. Tended, 30. Down, 1. Starred, 2. External, 3. Part, 4. Shakes, 5. Invited, 6. Seduced, 7. Usurp, 14. Drowned, 15. Evid, 16. Shamed, 17. Tattered, 18. Dotted, 19. Apathy, 20. Sated, 21. United, 22. United.



Young children at Waipukurau, New Zealand, are thrilled and excited as the Duke of Edinburgh walks by—so close they can touch him with their flags.—Central Press.

Atomic Energy May Give Britain All Her Electricity By 1974

London, Jan. 17. Atomic energy may be used to generate all the electricity needed by Britain within 20 years, according to a book published by the British Stationery Office today.

Europe's Weather

Fair Weather Follows

Wintery Gales

London, Jan. 17. Fair weather prevailed over most of Europe today after three weeks of storms and gales which killed hundreds of people and caused untold damage from the Alps to the Atlantic Ocean and from Scandinavia to Italy.

With the last of the wintery gales blowing itself out over the North Sea and falling temperatures easing the threat of avalanches in the snowbound Alps, Europeans turned to the task of burying the dead and repairing the damage.

In the snow-ravaged Austrian province of Vorarlberg, where 130 persons were killed by avalanches, officials said the "emergency is over."

In Germany, peak tides whipped eight feet above normal by a howling North Sea gale lashed up to the critical level of the dykes and sea-walls today but the defences held firm.

A rescue ship reached the crippled Danish tanker Bright Maers in the North Sea off Denmark's Jutland coast today. A mine blasted the 19,000-ton tanker on its maiden voyage yesterday in the teeth of the storm. Although the engine room suffered serious damage in the mysterious explosion, all 48 crewmen escaped injury.

OUT OF DANGER

The Bright Maers was reported out of danger and standing by for tow.

In Switzerland, where at least a score of persons died under avalanches, some snow and rain fell. But the Swiss Avalanche Institute did not issue snow-slide bulletin—an indication that the danger there was ended for now.

France enjoyed generally mild weather. Only the North Loire Valley reported showers.

Forty-five-mile-an-hour winds whistled through Britain, but temperatures were mild and no accidents were reported.

Great Britain also enjoyed a bright Sunday with clear skies. At least six persons died on Friday and Saturday in accidents resulting from gale winds.

United Press.

SOVIET AID DENIED

Austrian, American and French officials tonight denied published reports that two trucks carrying 20 Russian doctors and nurses had crossed the American occupation zone into the French zone to assist victims of the recent avalanches.

It was said, however, that the American authorities on Friday were asked (and granted) permission to Soviet officials for one truck to cross the U.S. zone with medicines supplied by the Soviet Union and Austrian medical personnel.

The Soviet authorities, however, did not make use of the authorization.

Big Welcome For The Duke

UK Political Observers Wonder:

When Will Churchill Retire? He Is 80 This Year

London, Jan. 17.

The resumption of Parliament on Tuesday is reviving the question whether Sir Winston Churchill will retire shortly or continue in the premiership beyond his 80th birthday in November.

He is commanding the centre of the political stage as actively as ever, and appears in excellent health, if less vigorous than before his illness last year.

The Prime Minister has still given no hint of any plan to hand over the direction of the Government, and Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, his indicated successor, will not be sorry if his chief carries on for a time.

Sir Winston Churchill has called the Cabinet for an eve of Parliament meeting on Monday. He has to tighten up the Conservative Party's Parliamentary machinery, for the Government faces the resumed session with a House of Commons majority temporarily reduced from 18 to 14 over all other parties.

This is because in the recess two Conservative members of Parliament were raised to the peerage, and can no longer sit in the House of Commons—a third was appointed to an official salaried post which bars him as an M.P.—and a fourth resigned through ill health.

3. The Prime Minister's answers to questions on Tuesday on the forthcoming Berlin meeting of the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers and on British proposals for meeting any trade recession that might follow a slowdown of American buying.—China Mail Special.

The pre-Parliament Cabinet

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HE URGES NEED FOR MORE CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

By LES ARMOUR

A BRIGHT-EYED, spry-looking man in a dark blue uniform stepped into a press conference in London the other day and announced that he was quitting his job.

He was too old and tired, he explained, and he felt the time had come to seek pasture.

The clipped announcement in a crisp Canadian accent came as a bolt to everyone in the room.

The man was General Albert Osborn—his age a mere 67, his job running the world-wide Salvation Army organisation.

Over the years his name has become synonymous with the long, tough "Sally Ann" war against poverty, crime, violence, and misery. General Osborn has personally taken that fight to the farthest corners of the world.

It has been an uncompromising fight and one that would surely wear out any man. But General Osborn has never shown any traces of the strain.

HE IS WORRIED

He was merely afraid that he might begin to show signs of wear—and he is worried about his movement.

"We are not militant enough," he told the conference. "We must not become a movement that settles down in halls and sings songs."

The Army has always sung songs, but it has never "settled down in halls." It started in the wretched slums of nineteenth century England, among the "gin mills" and stinking tenements.

It brought food and clothes along with the Gospel, and hot soup with its brass bands. As

the years passed, the Army developed teams of highly-skilled welfare workers who found jobs, sorted out broken homes, and met the fallen on their way in and out of prison.

General Osborn joined the service when it was in its infant days. He was the son of a Toronto clergymen, and he started work at 12 years as a chemist's assistant at close to nothing a week.

In the Salvation Army

(which he joined in 1900) he rose quickly and went through a succession of top posts—General Secretary for New Zealand, chief of the International Training College, Territorial Commander for Britain and finally, in 1946, top General.

Over the years his name has become synonymous with the long, tough "Sally Ann" war against poverty, crime, violence, and misery. General Osborn has personally taken that fight to the farthest corners of the world.

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MORE FIGHT

In those years, the Army has certainly changed. The very fact that it won its battles ensured that Poverty and misery are not nearly so widespread and, in Britain at least, the need for hot soup is small.

And some of its members, no doubt, have come to prefer a more contemplative kind of religion.

But General Osborn puts up a strong case for the old fight. He is not alarmed by today's youth—on the contrary, he thinks there has never been

anything better—but he warns that the rising generation has little time for good advice.

Words, he thinks, are largely wasted on any wayward youth today. But "their eyes are wide open to good example."

There is room, he believes, for a religion of action, and more of the much-sung "Christian Soldiers" are needed than before.

He thinks, too, that there is too much noise made about movies and television and altogether too much talk about bad examples.

"I seldom go to the movies," he admitted with a grin, "and I have no complaints about television."

What is needed is not "kicking" but action. A few good examples, in General Osborn's view, are worth a thousand conferences on the evils of the movies.



Illustration by ROBB

A Sunday. N hour ago, less than half a day before the case begins in court tomorrow, the telephone rang. I picked it up and it was his voice.

"Nickie, darling, don't hang up on me," he said. "It has taken such a lot of trouble to find out where you are hiding. But WHY are you hiding from me? Why are you bringing this dreadful case against me? You know that I love you."

That voice still hypnotised me—so pleasant and charming, so soothing and reassuring. Could evil and cruelty really mask itself in such beguiling tones?

PANIC

THE voice was saying:

"Come home Nickie. Or, at least if you will not come home, let us meet and talk it over. I love you, Nickie. Let me see you—tonight!"

At those last words I wrenched my mind loose from its coma.

"No!" I shouted in panic. "If you try to come here tonight, I shall call the police." And then forcing

OFFICIALLY

IN the petition which is to be presented in court to-morrow are set down the official reasons why I want to be free of Doctor Bristol Roberts.

I was 24 years old and I was marrying for love. Bristol was a rising young doctor with a successful practice in London's West End.

I would be disingenuous if I denied that I was a lovely young woman, for my looks were my profession. As Nicola Forbes-Temple I was one of the most famous models of the day.

HIS CHARM

SOME months before we met I had fallen hard, for the first time, for a man. Then just when I thought that the whole wonderful world was spinning happily around his head and I was inside that world dizzy with adoration, he left me to dull myself down to dull normality and dreariness again.

And then Bristol Roberts came along. He used to run into each other in a club.

I can recall that I did not like him at first. I sensed that his charm was too effortless, encrusted with a thin veneer of real personality.

But my doubts about him faded. Suddenly one night I knew I was in love with him, upside-down, eternally. In love. How he must have grinned at the way he had won me over! I knew I was not the only woman in his life, but I did not

trust him.

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THE LAW

HE has killed twice since I have known him. Unless I can stop him he will kill again—and next time I am sure the victim will be me. For I am the only person in the world who knows him to be a murderer, who could provide the evidence that would convict him.

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But Sir Doric would have to spend a lot of money to make his home show-worthy.

Without central heating the house is cold and draughty. Without enough gardeners, the weeds sprout in the grounds.

Sir Doric is a rich man—but not so rich that he can afford to see up to £5,000 a year draining away just to keep the old home going.

Even that is not the biggest worry. He is nagged by fear of what will happen when he dies. The house will have to be sold to meet death duties—and his wife and three grown-up sons will have to move.

Then, the end his family will be able to stay on rent-free, living as they have always done.

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DEADLY

SHE MARRIED
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WEDLOCK

A WOMAN, A MARRIAGE, AND MURDER . . . THAT IS THE STORY NICOLA FORBES-TEMPLE, A FAMOUS MODEL, HAS TO TELL IN A NEW SIX-DAY SERIAL

By LEONARD MOSLEY

her that she must forget her silly infatuation. I told her I was in love with someone else that I was going to marry you. "Marry me?" I said.

"But didn't you guess, my Nickie? I love you and want to marry you."

He looked down into my eyes. "Nickie, darling, I want to get out of here. Did anyone see you come to the house?"

"I don't—don't think so."

"Then let's leave here, sweet-heart, before anyone comes."

He loosed me and went into the bathroom to replace the towel. He put on his overcoat, picked the neckline off the floor and stuffed it in his pocket. Just before we left the room, he went over to the body and lifted up the hands and examined them, then let them drop on to the coverlet. Then we went out together by the back door.

Do you remember the inquest on Lydia Clifford? Bristol gave evidence that Lydia was his patient, and that she was a neurotic with a heart condition.

Her mousy husband testified that she had been sleepless and worried. Death from an overdose of sleeping tablets was the verdict. Suicide while the balance of her mind was disturbed.

MARRIED

A WEEK later Bristol and I were married by special licence.

It was on our wedding night that I noticed the deep scratches on Bristol's arms. But it was some time after that before I realised that Lydia was his patient, and that she was a suicide, that my husband had killed her, that Bristol Roberts was a murderer.

By then it was too late.

Bristol has killed again since we were married and once more the world has never guessed that it was murder. Nor will they ever know, for I am the only one who could prove it—and the law says that I cannot testify. But Lydia Clifford's murder took place before we were married.

If I get my divorce I am free—free to speak—free to send Bristol to the gallows.

Does he guess that? Is that why he is fighting my case?

No, he can't have guessed yet. Otherwise he would have killed me. I am sure of it.

Pray God that he does not trick me again and silence me for ever. For the case of Robert versus Roberts is not just another divorce case. It is a matter of life and death.

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By James Bartlett

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HE MIGHT adapt his house for other purposes, such as converting a wing into self-contained flats, or converting it into a country club. No, not for the proud Sir Doric.

So he turns to the National Trust. It has a wonderful scheme . . . for people like Sir Doric.

All he has to do is to transfer his house to the National Trust.

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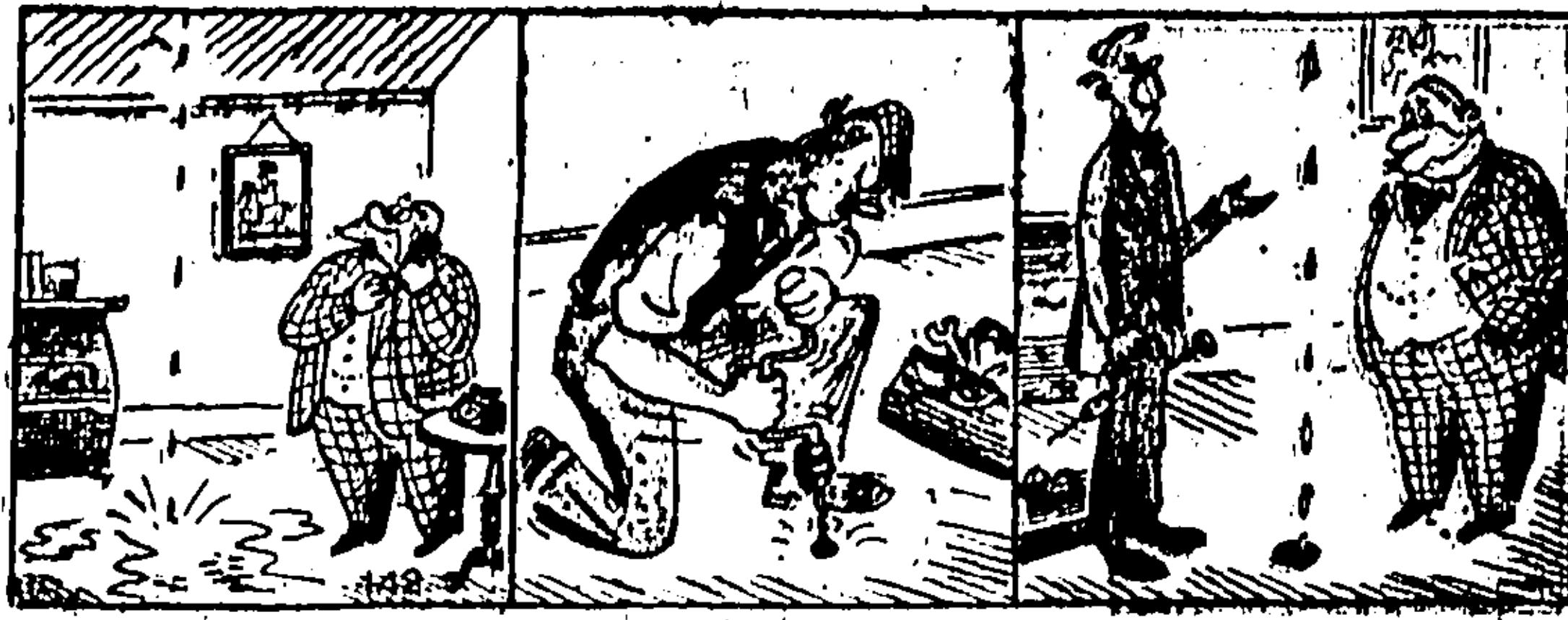
What about the property tax that Sir Doric used to grumble about every year when the bill

came in from the Income Tax? That is waived. The Treasury (and the National Trust) receive no income from the endowment fund.

But its accounts are audited with meticulous care, and the endowment fund is a long-term investment principle.

I asked at the National Trust offices: "How do you fix the boundary between the personal needs of the tenant

Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter



• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Break Rules, But Give It Thought

By OSWALD JACOBY

BRIDGE would be a very easy game if you could just rely on following the "rules." Anybody with a good memory would then be an expert.

Actually, it isn't as easy as all that. There are times when you have to break the rules, and it takes good judgment to know when that time comes and what to do.

Take today's hand for example. How should South play the trump suit? The old "rule"

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

BORN today, you have a sharp intellect and keen reasoning powers. You know how to tell good from bad and you are able to make an excellent art, book, music or drama critic. You are firm with your opinions once they are made and seldom, if ever, change your mind.

You are a natural leader and although you are not gregarious, mixing with many types of people and argue a winning case for whatever you want. You have the gift of memory and while you may not be tempted to enter politics at some period in your life,

Generous, sometimes to a fault, with those you like, let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Patient application to the job at hand will permit things to proceed at their proper pace today.

ARIQUARI (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You may be forced to pay meticulous attention to detail first, before you get it all you have.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 29)—Your partner could make a friend of a long time very happy, indeed. Take it to the party tonight.

TAURUS (Mar. 20-Apr. 19)—There can be several problems confronting you all at once, but staying calm and acting with routine patience helps.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)—Take an optimistic, constructive point of view today, and you will accomplish more than you anticipated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)—By any means possible, avoid getting into an argument, even a little, that will lead you into losing one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)—If you are cooperative with others, you will find that you can mutually be of assistance to one another.

NORTH (D) 17
♦ A Q 4
♥ A J 5
♦ J 10 9 8 3
♦ K 0

WEST EAST
♦ 8 7 3 2 ♠ K 9 5
♥ Q 6 2 ♠ 1 0 4
♦ A 2 ♠ A Q 9 8 5 2
♦ J 10 4 3 ♠ 7

SOUTH
♦ J 10 6
♥ K 10 9 8 7 3
♦ K 3 Q
♦ 7

North-South vul.

North East South West
1 ♦ 2 ♦ 2 ♦ Pass
3 ♦ Pass 4 ♦ Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead—♦ J

says "Don't finess for a queen when you have nine cards of a suit."

Let's see where that gets! South West opens the Jack of clubs, dummy covers with the king, and East wins with the ace. East continues with the queen of club, and South ruffs. Following the old rule, South tries to draw trumps by laying down the ace and the king.

This hand, South a nice soft nest in the garbage. West gets in with the ace of diamonds and lead a spade. South must lose a spade trick, giving up a trick in each suit. This is one trick more than he can afford.

The story is quite different if South looks at the hand as a whole instead of worrying about the trump suit. South can afford to lose one club, one diamond, and one trump—provided that he doesn't lose a spade trick. The way to avoid losing a spade trick is to keep West out of the lead as much as possible.

Hence South ruffs the second club, cashes the king of hearts and then finesse dummy's Jack of hearts. When the finesse succeeds, the rest is easy. South can draw the last trump, knock out the ace of diamonds, and discard two spades on dummy's extra diamonds, making 11 tricks.

But South would make his contract even if the finesse of the Jack of hearts happened to lose (as it would if East had Q of trumps). East would be unable to return a spade safely, so he would return a diamond. West would take the ace of diamonds and return a spade, but declarer could put up the ace of spades and discard his losing spades on dummy's extra diamonds.

BY THE WAY
By Beachcomber

The five triangles.

Can you arrange these five triangles in 10 different formations while leaving no two of them between the first and the fifth? It makes a laughable game round the fire.

Making progress

Colegears, the whistles, the pipes and musical instrument if the notes were removed from each end?

Shott: "Mild, it would give forth a sound, but not a tune, in the sense of, say, Negro's overture to 'Zamba.'

Snapperdrill suggest that the pipe is not a pipe, but a whistle, even unusually, if it was blocked at both ends.

Cookiecarrot: A railway guard does not want to play tunes on his whistle, and he can't play it, so he would return a diamond. West would take the ace of diamonds and return a spade, but declarer could put up the ace of spades and discard his losing spades on dummy's extra diamonds.

Nothing to do with me

The noses were quickly in action, playing on the names, which were quickly put out.

(New item.) Not half so put out, says Jolly Jack, sloping on a light, but as he was so moved by this display that he drew his nose to hide his emotion.

Financial notes

The manipulation of stocks and shares which enables enterprising men to make tax-free fortunes is a sign of the health and vitality of the financial world. The help of the stock exchange operator can be obtained by making pooled take-over bids, retroactive and subjecting them to the exchanges when an offer is accepted. This result in "agreement." Shares would cease to bob up and down excitingly, and the shareholders would only be pleased to block back in cases of blocked sterling, thus freeing the market from the subsidiary effect of exchange control.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding has been:

North East South West
1 Heart Pass 1 Spade Pass

You, South, hold: Spades K-J-7-3, Hearts 9-2, Diamonds K-7-6-2, Clubs K-J-3. What do you do?

With two no-trump, with 11 points in high cards you can well afford a small response to the opening bid. This bid shows your balanced distribution and general strength.

Answer Tomorrow

No more steaming heads

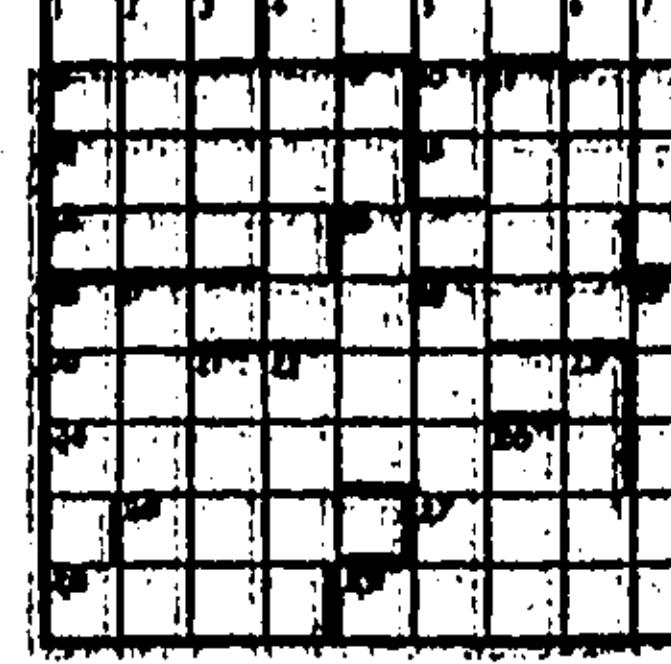
The invention, in Germany, of an air-conditioned hat is good news for those whose heads give off too much heat. It has been put to the test in Norway, where the weather is cold and the air is dry. The invention, but the engine can't work. When it is ready to start, it will be able to make of 100% air. And it will cool down tomatoes under it in warm climates.

Rupert's New Year Adventure—21



Rupert and his friends are in Germany, in the Alpine town of Garmisch-Partenkirchen. They are staying at the Hotel Europa, which is a famous winter sports resort. The town is surrounded by snow-capped mountains, and the air is very cold and dry. The hotel is a large, comfortable building with a warm fireplace in the lobby. The children are excited to be there, as they have never been to a place like this before. They are looking forward to playing in the snow and trying out the local sports like skiing and snowboarding.

CROSSWORD



Marvellous Mixmates



By VERA WINSTON

WOMANSENSE

Stick To Simple Beauty Rules—And Be Fascinating At Forty

By PATRICIA COMPTON

MUCH has been written on beauty care for young women and teenagers, but what of the older women? True care and attention to skin, hair and figure in one's youth is the pathway to middle-aged charm, but once this period has been reached, there is no reason to sit back, relax and mourn over one's lost youth.

Middle age should hold no terrors, for there is no reason why any woman should not be fascinating at forty. "But my hair is grey," moans the unbeliever. "What of it? Grey or greying hair brings out the natural beauty in a woman. Set it in an appropriate style and rinsed through with pearl or blue, silver hair looks most attractive. Even Hollywood predicts that blonde and red heads will soon become grey heads because new glamour has been discovered in grey hair.

Don't try to beat nature by flying to the nearest hairdresser to have your locks dyed. Remember that skin tones change as well as hair colour, and dyed hair will only give you a bad artificial appearance which is far more ageing than the natural silver.

"What about the middle-aged spread?" the unbelievers ask. This can be controlled to a certain extent by sensible diet and sensible clothes, not forgetting of course to set aside a few minutes each day in which to do a few exercises.

"Exercises at my age?" gasps six firmly in your mind that if the sceptics. A few simple ones over-eat you will put on stretching exercises, bends and weight. An effort should be made to cut down on fattening foods. School yourself to refuse better for them, too, once you that extra cake with your mid-morning coffee.

Acquire the art of wearing smart and becoming clothes and rules there is no reason why you should not be fascinating at forty.

TO PLEASE THE FASTIDIOUS...

By Alice Denhoff

Along come requests for popper, celery salt and mace to go with the fastidious. Cook in saucier on low heat. Serve with Parmesan cheese.

Cheese Puffs

Cheese Puffs served with soup, bought or homemade, will delight.

Cream together $\frac{1}{2}$ c. each cream cheese and butter. Add 1 c. flour and $\frac{1}{2}$ c. poppy seed. Chill thoroughly. Roll very thin. Cut in tiny circles, and bake at 425° F. for 8 min.

For easy to make and tasty croutons, spread while bread slices with butter, cut into strips, bake until brown. A little garlic in the butter adds zest.

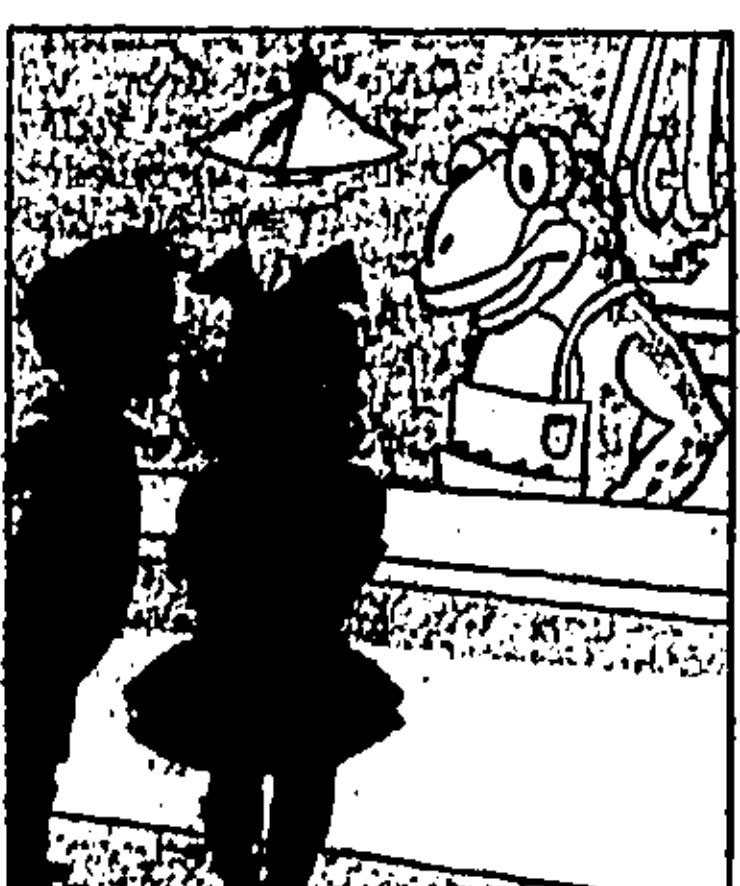
Vegetable Specials

If there is any leftover broccoli in the refrigerator, it could serve as the base for a really special vegetable. Reheat it by spreading over it a beaten egg white added to mayonnaise, then pop under broiler.

And to give a new accent to cauliflower, separate into florets and combine with equal amounts of diced young carrots. Cook in milk and water until tender. Then add white sauce and bake at 350° F. for 20 minutes, sprinkling top with grated cheese and crumbs or corn flakes.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

A card table placed under the small end of the ironing board will keep large garments from dragging the floor.



Before doing a dirty household job, rub wet soap over your hands and wrists and let it dry. The pre-soaping simplifies hand-washing later, since the soapy coating and dirt go down the drain together.

When packing a frosted cake in waxed paper, sprinkle the paper first with powdered sugar. The sugar helps keep

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THE BIG AND SMALL



The Big and the Small—but both great players are Gerald Kester, 17, of Willingham, Cambridgeshire, who is six feet tall, and Roger Mills, 11, of Battersea, London, who is just 3 feet 11 inches. They competed as a partnership in the All-England Junior Badminton Championships.—Reuterphoto.

LEAGUE CRICKET

ARMY STRETCH THEIR LEAD BY 3 POINTS

By "THE ZOMBIE"

Army enhanced their prospects of winning the double in this season's Senior and Junior Divisions of the Cricket League when their seniors took full points from Indian Recreation Club, while their nearest rivals, the Scorpions, dropped three valuable points by being held to a draw by the Optimists.

The Army juniors surpassed their previous record team score of 256 runs for four wickets by knocking up 262 runs for four wickets in a 177-run victory over IRC to mark their 13th straight success in the League.

As expected, excellent cricket was seen in the HKCC "Derby" between the Scorpions and the Optimists. Although the Optimists failed to upset the once-favoured clubmates and bound themselves practically out of the race for the Championship as a result of the draw, they put up more than a creditable display.

Both Pritchard and Kester were in fine form in their opening wicket partnership, which yielded 71 runs and helped a great deal in enabling the Optimists to reach a total of 193 runs.

That the Scorpions, though given only 2.7 overs fewer than their opponents, could not come up to their usual superiority in quick-scoring was due to some steady bowling by Milson, Pritchard, Van Orde and Spink.

Help came from an unexpected quarter-fielding. Hughes increased his reputation as one of the best wicket-keepers in the County by stamping Campbell and dislodging Campbell with a catch. Rory Morphewson made full amends for his short life as the wicket by catching out no fewer than three batsmen to set a record for the season for the number of catches made by an individual in one match.

One team, however, moved up to rank as Army's next closest challenger to the Scorpions. Revere's four-wicket win over Kowloon Cricket Club now places them in the third position two points behind Scorpions and nine points behind Army.

In their hard-earned victory over KCC, Revere showed a wealth of talent and also the well-drilled team they are capable of putting up.

In this match they were without the services of the Gossou brothers, but were still able to



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SWEDEN WINS HANDBALL

Stockholm, Jan. 17. Sweden won the World Indoor Handball Championship today, beating Germany in the final by 17-14. Sweden led 8-5 at half time. Czechoslovakia gained third place by beating Switzerland 24-11 after leading 13-3 at the interval.—Reuter.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

CHINESE FIDLED AND FALTERED AGAINST THE ALL-AMERICANS

By "SNOOPER"

China fiddled and faltered badly in their softball tussle against the All-Americans yesterday. The Americans ran away with a 10-0 shutout victory when the Chinese ballplayers showed complete lack of concentration. They have still not learned the lesson that bunting strategy alone will not bring them a win against those hard-hitting Orca batters.

There was no doubt that the United States were the better side. Represented by seven Orca ballplayers and two from the Senior "B" Americans, the United States put punch into their batting, which was the strong point of their game. The All-Americans outlaid the Chinese by 5-3, the feature of which was the home run of Bob Hall and one over the fence by Jim Linville with bases loaded.

I cannot criticise pitcher Jackie Wei of the Pandas for having failed miserably. Wei, who figured in five innings, worked industriously and had fortune been with him, China might not have lost by such a big margin.

Second baseman P. C. Wong had a tendency to stand too close to second base when the situation demanded he should advance to assist first baseman C. M. Tsang and he seemed far too slow for the fast grounders of the Americans.

In the infield, the Chinese were never quite so good as the American All-Stars in the constructive art. Third sacker Bill Williams and first baseman Bill Stell once again came into prominence with another scintillating display.

Never did the manager and the coach of the Chinese squad give up the bunt idea although it was demonstrated that several of the Chinese batters could hit well. C. M. Tsang, who got two hits, was the outstanding batter of the afternoon.

BATTING WEAKNESS

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China were quick to realise it that they were outclassed. The powerful hitting of the Orca and American players set about one of their demoralising displays from the initial inning.

Runs were registered in the first and second innings and by the end of the sixth, the American All-Stars had taken a substantial 10-0 lead.

It was an irreconcilable show of strength at bat and quality in fielding. During those exhilarating minutes of power, hitting, five solid hits were scored by Bob Hall, Jim Linville, Bill Stell, Leroy Zimmerman and Ray Willingham, all from the Orca. Hall's hit to left field was one of the sixties seen at King's Park while Linville clubbed one well beyond the right field fence.

THE TEAMS

All-Americans: — Pitcher — Ray Willingham (Orca); Catcher — Bob Hall (Orca); 1st baseman — Bill Stell (Orca); 2nd baseman — Armstrong (Americans); 3rd baseman — Bill Williams (Orca); Shortstop — Leroy Zimmerman (Orca); Left-fielder — Donald Chambers (Orca); Centre-fielder — Wheeler (Americans) and Ralph Kvilda (Americans); Right-fielder — Jim Linville (Orca).

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 Council during its meetings over
 two years will be to bring out
 an authorized version of the
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 language which the Buddha
 spoke—which will be neither
 vague nor equivocal and which
 will not allow for even the
 slightest erroneous interpretation.

Work on the texts is already
 being carried out by more than
 6,000 learned monks from
 Burma, Thailand, Ceylon, Laos
 and Cambodia—the countries in
 which the southern school
 (Theravadas) of Buddhism
 flourishes.

Theravadas (elders) will chant
 the whole of the scriptures
 during the Council, while
 scholars, both monks and laymen,
 will be at work producing
 the authorized version and then
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Accepting cargo for Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London

(* Calling Marseilles)

